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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/22/2001.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the application filed on 8/22/2001.
2. Claims 1-35 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 9, 13, 16-19, 22-26, 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grossman et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,960,175 (Art of Record).

As per claim 1, Grossman et al discloses providing a control file having entries of computer system identifiers (col. 3 lines 65-67 and col. 4 lines 30-40); designating a computer system and a software platform using an interface (col. 4 lines 45-57); and querying the control file to identify an entry having computer system identifiers that pertain to the designated computer system (col. 3 lines 65-67 and col. 4 lines 30-57) .

As per claim 2, Grossman et al discloses creating a boot disk; and loading the designated software platform onto the designated computer system using the boot disk (Fig. 5 and col. 5 lines 26-49).

As per claim 3, Grossman et al discloses entering particular computer system

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identifiers into the interface and selecting a particular software platform using the interface (col. 5 lines 3-26).

As per claim 4, Grossman et al discloses entering a particular computer model identifier into the interface and entering a particular computer submodel identifier into the interface (col. 4 line 30 to col. 5 line 26).

As per claim 5, Grossman et al discloses the entries in the control file further comprise support data (col. 4 line 30 to col. 5 line 26).

Claim 9 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claims 1 and 3.

Claim 13 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 4.

Claim 16 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claims 1 and 2.

Claim 17 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 3.

Claim 18 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 4.

Claim 19 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 5.

As per claim 22, Grossman et al discloses the selected software platform in an operating system (col. 5 lines 1-25).

Claim 23 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claims 16 and 17.

Claim 24 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 16.

Claim 25 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 18.

Claim 26 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 19.

Claim 30 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 16.

Claim 31 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 17.

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Claim 32 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 18.

Claim 33 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 19.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8, 10-12, 14-15, 20-21, 27-29, 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over Grossman et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,960,175 (Art of Record).

As per claim 6, Grossman et al does not explicitly disclose the support data comprises licensing data and technical data. Official Notice is taken that licensing data and technical data were well known in the art at the time the invention was made. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of the well known knowledge into the system of Grossman et al to have the support data comprises licensing data and technical data because one would want to utilize the available data to accurately identify the system.

As per claim 7, Grossman et al does not explicitly disclose displaying the support data from the identified entry. Official Notice is taken that displaying data were well known in the art at the time the invention was made. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of the well-

known knowledge into the system of Grossman et al display the support data because it facilitates the selection process of the system.

As per claim 8, Grossman et al disclose the designated software platform is loaded onto the computer system based upon the support data (col. 4 line 30 to col. 5 line 41).

Claim 14 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 1, 3, 7 and 8.

Claim 15 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 6.

Claim 20 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 7.

Claim 21 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 8.

Claim 27 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 20.

Claim 28 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 21.

Claim 29 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 14.

Claim 34 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claims 20 and 21.

Claim 35 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 7.

Claim 10 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 7.

Claim 11 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 8.

Claim 12 is rejected for the reason set forth in the rejection of claim 6.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wei Y Zhen whose telephone number is (703) 305-0437. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on (703) 305-4552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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